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## NORTH CAROLINA SEEKS TO MAXIMIZE FEDERAL AND PRIVATE DOLLARS State Employees' Grant Workshop being held Thursday

**RALEIGH** – The Office of State Budget and Management is holding a grant workshop Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at William J. Umstead State Park in Wake County. Grant specialists will provide attendees with expert information and guidance on how to find sources of grant funding and how to tap into those sources.

"I encourage state employees to take advantage of the opportunities to find and receive federal and private grant money that will benefit North Carolina," said Gov. Mike Easley. "I commend the participating agencies for helping state employees explore creative ways to fund new initiatives as well as ongoing successful programs, especially in tight budget times."

Volunteers from various state agencies helped organize and facilitate this month's event. This is the first time the workshop has been offered. The workshop is open and free to state employees who have registered. Due to the high demand, OSBM is planning another workshop in the near future.

Seminars at the workshop will focus on identifying federal and private grant opportunities, writing winning grant proposals, working through complex federal budget and financial grant forms and how to become a grant reviewer.

"Bringing more federal and private grant money into North Carolina is an exciting way to fund innovative programs and services beneficial to North Carolina," said David McCoy, state budget officer. "This workshop will further develop the grant writing and grant seeking skills of our state employees."

For more information regarding these workshops, please contact Todd Barlow at (919) 733-7061.

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